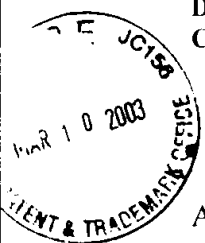


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For: DUAL DIRECTION BYPASS VALVE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, paper number 3, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following sentence after the title and before the first paragraph in the specification:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.: 60/303,792, filed July 10, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 12 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A dual direction bypass valve for a fluid filter, comprising:
a first retainer which houses a first spring, the first retainer engaging the first spring at one end of the first spring, and a first disk disposed at another end of said first spring; and